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Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-34 and 36 are pending herein.

1. Claims 11 and 27 were rejected under §112, second paragraph. Applicants submit that the cancellation of claim 11 and the minor amendment to claim 27 attends to this rejection.

2. Claims 1-3 and 36 were rejected under §102(b) over Barnes or Jones. These rejections are moot in view of the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 4 into claim 1, and the rewriting of claim 10 to be in independent form.

3. Claims 1-34 and 36 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of US Patent No. 7,045,223, and the claims of co-pending Application No. 10/802,160. These rejections are addressed by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer enclosed herewith that is effective to disclaim the terminal portion of any Patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend beyond the term of US 7,045,223, or the term of any patent granted on Application No. 10/802,160. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable for placing this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3797.

Respectfully submitted,

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